

SENATE BILL No. 508

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-38.1-1-12.

Synopsis: Equine therapy. Provides that equine massage and manipulation therapy are not included in the practice of veterinary medicine.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

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January 14, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture.



First Regular Session 119th General Assembly (2015)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 25-38.1-1-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.58-2008,
2 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 12. **(a)** "Practice of veterinary medicine" means:
4 (1) representing oneself as engaged in the practice of veterinary
5 medicine, veterinary surgery, or veterinary dentistry or any of
6 their branches or specialties;
7 (2) using words, letters, or titles in a connection or under
8 circumstances that may induce another person to believe that the
9 person using them is engaged in the practice of veterinary
10 medicine, veterinary surgery, or veterinary dentistry;
11 (3) accepting compensation for doing any of the things described
12 in subdivisions (4) through (8);
13 (4) providing the diagnosis, treatment, correction, or prevention
14 of any disease, defect, injury, deformity, pain, or condition of
15 animals;
16 (5) prescribing, dispensing, or ordering the administration of a



1 drug, a medicine, a biologic, a medical appliance, an application,
2 or treatment of whatever nature for the prevention, cure, or relief
3 of any disease, ailment, defect, injury, deformity, pain, or other
4 condition of animals;

5 (6) performing a:

6 (A) surgical or dental operation; or

7 (B) complimentary or alternative therapy;

8 upon an animal;

9 (7) certifying the health, fitness, or soundness of an animal; or

10 (8) performing any procedure for the diagnosis of pregnancy,
11 sterility, or infertility upon animals.

12 **(b) However, The term does not include:**

13 **(1) administering a drug, medicine, appliance, application, or**
14 **treatment that is administered at the direction and under the direct**
15 **supervision of a veterinarian licensed under this article; or**

16 **(2) equine massage and manipulation therapy performed**
17 **under the supervision of a veterinarian licensed under this**
18 **article. Equine massage and manipulation therapy does not**
19 **include:**

20 **(A) prescribing a drug;**

21 **(B) performing surgery; or**

22 **(C) diagnosing a medical condition.**

